

Remarks

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present U.S. Patent application as amended herein.

Claim 14 was deemed **allowable subject matter** and hence its limitations (and of intervening claim 13) were incorporated into base claim 12. Thus, claims 12 and 15 presently stand in condition for allowance. Claims 13 and 14 were cancelled.

Regarding the **Claim Objections**, minor clerical errors in claims 11 and 19 have been corrected. Applicants thank the Examiner for the careful attention paid to the present matter. Regarding the **35 USC §112** rejections of claims 16-20, the minor clerical error in claim 16 has been corrected.

Regarding the **35 USC §102(b)** rejections of claims 1-13 and 15-20 as being anticipated by S Brands "Restrictive Blinding of Secret-Key Certificates" (Brands), Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections. At page 11 (§3.1) Brands describes operations relating to a "Guillou-Quisquater Secret-Key Certificate Scheme." As best the terse Brands reference is understood, it is not clear to Applicants how the described operations anticipate all elements of claim 1.

In particular, for example, claim 1 recites "placing the public pseudonym key into a certificate template". The Action equates this operation to Brands' t_1 which is indicated in Brands at page 11 step 2 as being a random number generated by R_i . It is respectfully submitted a random number does not anticipate the method operation of

placing in a template. Further the Action speaks to Brands anticipating the recited "performing a hash operation on the certificate template to produce a certificate hash value" yet Brands, as best it is understood, does not appear to teach the recited hashing of the certificate. Thus it is submitted that claim 1 is allowable.

Regarding the rejection of claim 16, as best the Brands reference is understood, it is not clear to Applicants how the described operations anticipate all elements of claim 16. In particular, the cited portions of Brands do not appear to teach the recited platform including the recited permanent key pair. As discussed in the Specification, the recited permanent key pair includes a unique public key that identifies the platform and a private key that is permanently stored in memory of the trusted device. Such a permanent key pair does not appear to be anticipated by Brands.

However, it may be that Applicants do not properly appreciate the nature of the rejection, since Brands is a dense reference. If the rejections are maintained, the Examiner is respectfully requested to individually map Brands against each individual claim element of independent claims 1 and 16 so that the rejections may be properly understood and addressed.

To focus examination at this time on the allowability of the independent claims, the merits of the rejections of dependent claims 2-11 and 17-20 are not being addressed at this time. Claims 2-11 and 17-20 are believed to be respectively allowable for at least the reason as depending from allowable base claims 1 and 16.

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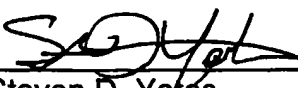
New claims 21 and 22 have been added. These claims are somewhat analogous to the allowed subject matter of claims 12 and 15.

Conclusion

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that the rejections have been overcome. Therefore, claims 1-12, 15-22 are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if such contact would further the examination of the present application. Please charge any shortages and credit any overcharges to our Deposit Account number 02-2666.

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